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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Applicant presents the claims as amended below and encloses a set of marked-up claims with bracketing and underlining.

Please cancel claims 24, 26-33 and 64 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as indicated below:

1. (Three Times Amended) An in-mold decorated article comprising:
an injection-molded microcellular polymeric material having an average cell size of less than 100 microns and a thickness of less than 0.5 inches; and